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**Police Close East Chicago Tavern for Alcohol, Fire Code Violations**

**East Chicago, Ind. (Feb. 18)** – Police shut down an East Chicago tavern this weekend after it was cited for nine alcohol- and fire-code violations.

Indiana State Excise Police cited Alexis Hall, 4003 Alder Street, on Feb. 15 for seven alcohol-related violations after they received a citizen complaint alleging that illegal activities were occurring at the bar. The bar was also cited Friday by East Chicago Police and East Chicago Fire departments for several code violations.

When officers entered the bar around 9:30 p.m., they found three minors, including two 16 year olds. They were issued tickets for being a minor in a tavern and later released to family members.

In addition to two counts of allowing minors to loiter, excise officers also cited the bar on the following preliminary charges: failure to maintain employee records, employing an unlicensed bartender, not meeting food-service requirements, changing floor plan layout without approval, failure to display permit and purchasing alcohol from another retail business.

In addition to the East Chicago Police and Fire departments, excise officers were also assisted by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Gang Division.

"The Indiana State Excise Police will continue to work with city and county law enforcement officers to prevent the procurement of alcohol by minors and take appropriate action when violations of Indiana law are found," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

Anyone with information on illegal activities at any northwest Indiana alcohol business should contact the Indiana State Excise Police District 1 office at 574-264-9480.

*All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*